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I mean right now we're working on the float, I suppose.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:      We are, and the dangerous part of that float is there's no reason to go off and there's no incentive to find who those payments really belong to because we need that money to operate. So you're...you know, the state is sort of operating on a...on shaky ground there, because on one hand you need the float, on the other hand you really should be out trying to find...

SENATOR CUDABACK:      One minute.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:      ...who that money belongs to.

SENATOR BROMM:      Yeah. Okay. Well, thank you, Senator Kristensen. I think it's a matter that we're...this helps. I think we're going to be probably addressing it in other ways in the near future as well. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Kristensen, there are no further lights on. You may close on AM3730, if you care to.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:      Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, it's issues like this that you come across, you wish you had a lot more time to deal with them in-depth in how to solve the whole problem. This is a band-aid that's going to try to stop some of the bleeding of insufficient funds. Again, I appreciate Senator Bourne making some suggestions for allowing a waiver for good cause so you don't spend 19 years of good funds. But ultimately what you have to remember I think is it's...it's the custodial parent with children who are relying on those funds to live, and your first obligation as a payor isn't to yourself. It's probably to your children. And those insufficient fund checks and insufficient fund transfers are something we just can't tolerate and they take advantage of our good nature, and if we don't make moves to correct it I think we only have ourselves to blame and we should try to clean up the float as well, and we can't work on that while we still need the float. I would be happy to answer any questions off the floor as well, Mr. President. Thank you for the time.